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Reply To: (213) 738-4601
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October 5, 2010

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W.
Director of Mental Health

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "MJS", is written over the printed name of Marvin J. Southard.

SUBJECT: **TERMINATION OF TEMPORARY PSYCHIATRIST SERVICES
AGREEMENT**

This is to advise your Board of the termination of the Temporary Psychiatrist Service Agreement (Agreement) with Interim Physicians, LLC, dba Interim Physicians dba TeneCore, a Locum Tenens Service, Agreement No. MH180029, effective September 8, 2010. This Agreement was terminated at the request of the Office of the Medical Director due to the Contractor's refusal to sign Amendment No. 1 (updated mandated language to Contractor's Obligations as a Business Associate under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 effective February 17, 2010). To date this Amendment has not been executed or returned as required and pursuant to Paragraph 26 (A) (1) (TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT) of the Services Agreement.

The Board adopted this agreement on May 19, 2009, Agenda Item Number 33.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this termination, please contact me, or your staff may contact Richard Kushi, Contracts Development and Administration Division, at (213) 738-4684.

MJS:RK:alm

Attachment

c: Roderick Shaner, M.D.
Nancy Kless
Richard Kushi
Alice Wong
Annette L. Mars

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Reply To: (213) 738-2130
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September 8, 2010

Timothy P. Hand
President/CEO
Interim Physicians, LLC dba Interim Physicians, dba TeneCore
12140 Woodcrest Executive Drive, Ste. 310
St. Louis, MO 63141

Dear Mr. Hand:

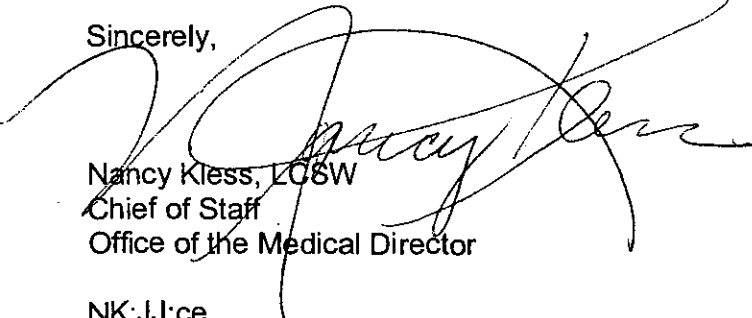
RE: NOTIFICATION OF TERMINATION

On January 25, 2010, the Contracts Development and Administration Division requested that you sign an Amendment to your written Agreement with County, identified as County Agreement No. MH180029 (hereafter "Agreement"), revising Contractor's Obligations as a Business Associate under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), effective February 17, 2010. It was further requested that the executed Agreement be returned to the Department **no later than February 12, 2010**. The letter advised that because of the legal mandates imposed on County by HITECH and HIPAA, receipt of a signed Amendment is a requirement for continuation of your Agreement with County. County therefore reserves the right to exercise any and all termination rights that it has under the Agreement in the event that this Amendment is not signed and returned timely. To date this Amendment has not been executed or returned as required.

Consequently, the County exercises the contractual rights of Paragraph 26 (A) (1) (**Termination For Default**): listed on page 28 of the Agreement: *"If, as determined in the sole judgment of County, Contractor fails to perform any services within the times specified in this agreement or any extension thereof as County may authorize in writing."* The County hereby terminates as of September 8, 2010.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (213) 738-2130.

Sincerely,


Nancy Kless, LCSW
Chief of Staff
Office of the Medical Director

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c: Margo Morales
Richard Kushi
Jeff Johnson

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